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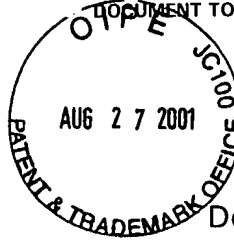
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Docket No.: 2094/1E285-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin M. GORMAN, David R. PATTERSON,  
Jeffrey M. LINNEN and Keming SONG

Serial No.: 09/494,332

Art Unit: 1655

Filed: January 28, 2000

Examiner: J. GOLDBERG

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX  
DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN  
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office  
Action dated April 27, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants  
respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Office Action be  
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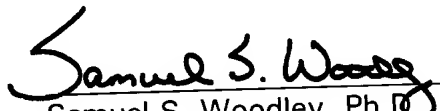
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Respectfully submitted,

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